

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MATSUZAKI et al.

Application No.: 10/790,224

Filing Date: March 2, 2004

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
L-ARGININE OR L-LYSINE BY  
FERMENTATION

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: David J. STEADMAN

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to January 8, 2006.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to .

Please charge ☒ the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or ☐ our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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